

Weekly Video Update, May 9, 2022

Karen Connolly, Select Board Chair

Ms. Connolly noted there is a Select Board Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 PM.

The town election is coming up and absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office. The last day to request a mail in ballot is May 17th. Ms. Connolly noted there are two questions on the ballot as well.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 32, up from 24. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 53. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 5.67% a jump up from 5.15% of last week. Plymouth County is at 5.18%, up from last week's 4.43%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 6.63% up from the previous week of 5.37%. Statewide there are 47 individuals in ICU up from 37 of last week. 22 patients are intubated, up from 15 of last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even is the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable do to the high vaccination in Massachusetts. Currently Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, Hampshire, Worcester and Barnstable counties have high levels of COVID. In counties with high Covid numbers, the CDC recommends masks in indoor spaces and public transportation. There are no mask mandates in place at this time.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained at +2.75". Tack Factory Pond was at +2.5", up .25" from last week. Average daily demand was at 1.2 mgpd, equal to last week's usage. This again was mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). Manganese measured at the WTP is at .139 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .45" measured at the Plant.
3. MassDot paved the rotary on 3A last night. That job is essentially complete with the exception of striping. We do not have a striping schedule from MassDot but will post it if and when we get it.
4. The Paramount Pictures film the Finest Kind has finished filming in town. We still have the following filming occurring:
 - a. "Houses with History" is filming in Town starting on 4/27. They will be filming work of two historic houses, one on First Parish and one on Tilden. That filming

will be in the homes and will be on and off through October. You may see crews around town shooting b-roll film.

- b. Marriot Bonvoy will be filming a commercial at the Light House on May 18 from 6pm-Sunset.
5. Ship Shape Day was a rousing success. More than 400 volunteers were out cleaning up the town. Final count on the amount of trash that was picked up is still ongoing but the town looks great! Thanks to all who participated.
6. The DPW will begin work on the outfall on Oceanside Drive today. The outfall is located in the vicinity of Kenneth Ave. This outfall was damaged in a storm and repairing it will help alleviate flooding somewhat in that area.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Burkhead provide the weekly Covid numbers with 47 cases last week. Breakdown:

District	0
Cushing	0
Gates	2
Hatherly	8
Jenkins	1
Wampanatuck	15
SHS	21

Tonight, there is a School Committee meeting at 6 PM and it's a hybrid meeting with in person (in the High School Library) as well as remote via zoom. Link is available on the website.

Highlights include a celebration of student learning from the English Dept, State of the schools update from Gates School, Acceptance of gift from Scituate Community Christmas, and Superintendent's Public Evaluation.

Great news from our Music Department who participated in the Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association (S.E.M.S.B.A.) Jr. music festival over the weekend. Mr. Lessard was the conductor and took 21 students to the event. Great job and congratulations to all.

Nurse Kelli Roche completed her certified professional health care quality designation. She is the only nurse on the south shore who has this so congratulations to her. We are honored to have her in our district.

Mr. Burkhead also congratulated Patrick Newton, SPS Science Chair who was selected to serve on the High School standardized MCAS panel to assess and design MCAS questions.

Finally, a Sailor Shout out to our sixth graders. He visited Camp Bournedale and it's a great educational and social experience for the kids.